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Handfield Sworn in As Millbury Police Chief

By Alex G. Belisle and Andree A. Belisle

MILLBURY - "I'm just glad it's over!" said newly appointed Millbury Police Chief Richard Handfield with a sigh of relief. He was referring to a tense and pressure filled eight months which began last March when Handfield and other sergeants and officers of the Millbury Police Department began studying in preparation for the competitive Civil Service Police Chief's exam that was administered last June.

Handfield's appointment is both an end and a beginning for the 34 year old Millbury native. It is the culmination of a process which began many years ago. He was born in Millbury and lived with his parents, Richard and Beverly Handfield, in a South Main Street apartment belonging to his maternal grandparents, Norman and Sally Cofske. His parents eventually moved to a new home on Braney Road where he and his two sisters, Gail and Joan, grew up.

Handfield attended Assumption Elementary school in Millbury and St. John's High School in Shrewsbury. He said that it was in his last year of high school that he thought about becoming a police officer. "I wanted either that or to go to the Air Force Academy. In fact," he said, "I took the Navy OCS (Officer Candidate School) test but when they couldn't guarantee me that I wouldn't fly helicopters - I wanted to fly something fast - I decided against it."

Handfield managed to pursue both interests when he began taking flying lessons as a college freshman at Northeastern University. He has been a licensed pilot for the past 12 years. He still has a love of flying but regrets that other obligations make finding time to fly difficult.

The newly-appointed Chief graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He continued the formal part of his education at Anna Maria College where, in 1984, he received a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Handfield readily admitted that one of the things that attracted him to police work was the excitement of the job, an excitement not shared by both of his parents. "My father was happy about it, and, of course, like any good mother, mine wasn't crazy about it, nor was she crazy about my flying, nor was she crazy about guns," he said with a good-natured laugh. He added that his mother thought he should perhaps pursue a career in pharmacy, but Handfield had different plans. "I'm a doer," he said, "I've got to have something exciting. Maybe I'm the ultimate thrill seeker," Handfield said in a burst of laughter. For those who know Handfield, whose manner is soft-spoken, this self-characterization may seem somewhat out of character.

Handfield was appointed to the Millbury Police Department on October 27, 1980 and served as a patrol officer until his appointment as chief. When he began working, he was on the midnight to eight shift with Donald Desorcy and Stephen Webb, now both sergeants. "When I first got on, everything was new and so much fun," he said. Although the newness has worn off, Handfield said he will no doubt miss that portion of police work that saw him on patrol since the majority of his work now will be done from behind a desk.

Family members gather around the new chief: front row (l-r) grandfather, Norman Cofske; mother, Beverly Handfield; the Chief; his wife Kathy; mother-in-law, Ethel O'Day; brother-in-law, Michael O'Day. Back row: uncle, David Cofske; sisters Gail Santoro and Joan Raymond; father-in-law, Donald O'Day, Sr.

Handfield is administered the oath of office by his mother-in-law, Sutton Town Clerk Ethel O'Day, as his wife Kathy and mother, Beverly Handfield, look on.

Jude Cristo, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, gives Kathy Handfield a hand in pinning the badge on her husband as he, AT LONG LAST, smiles for the camera!

The newly-appointed Chief said he has not seen many major changes in the nature of crimes over his 11 year career, except perhaps in the area of drugs. He said marijuana was the drug of record when he first joined the force, "Now, everything's cocaine. It's the drug of today," he said. "Years ago, marijuana was prevalent. Cocaine was around, but we never saw it. Today, it's cocaine, cocaine."

Handfield also noted that one issue increasingly facing police officers today is that of liability. An officer must now consider the potential of liability when he enforces laws. Handfield feels that the liability consideration has taken some of the enjoyment out of police work. He also said he is unaware of any major liability suit against the town which he feels is a compliment to the department. He said that Millbury has a highly educated department that is aware of the constitutional problems attendant to police work and can avoid the situations that invite law suits.

While the new chief is anxious to begin his duties, he also recognizes that he has much to learn. As a patrol officer, he did not have any training in the managerial aspects of his new job and, in addition, must now learn budget skills.

Handfield places a great deal of emphasis on training, both for himself and his men. He said that the department now has some in-service training but he would like to see more. The obstacle to more training is the budget, he said, and he feels that until the economy improves, training might remain a low priority. He feels that with constitutional laws changing all the time, it is important for the department to remain current. He would also like to see the men improve their shooting skills, "Not that we've ever shot anyone," he said, "but it's a big liability factor." He said most of the training he desires is also good as a morale booster.

"I represent a different style of management," Handfield said, "not the tough fist but the soft hand. Technically, I'm the Chief, and technically, yes, they will listen to me if I can earn their respect - not their admiration, just their respect and show them that we've got to work together to get through these bad times. I don't see any problems with the department at all," he said.

The chief feels he will receive cooperation from his men since they are all aware of the fiscal problems. "I think everybody is really starting to realize it's not just scare tactics," he said. Remarking that some companies anticipated the downturn in the economy and took steps in preparation for the bad times, he said he hopes the police department does not have to do that. "Right now," he said, "I feel we're at optimum (manpower) for what we have and what we need. My greatest fear right now is cuts and how deep they're going to go. If you're talking about a theoretical 10% cut like they (town officials) were talking about, you're talking

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MILLBURY - Only bagged household trash will be accepted at the Transfer Station until the end of the year to keep within the town's allotted tonnage to Wheelabrator for 1991. The Transfer Station will close at 11:00 a.m. on December 24.

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Effective December 1, 1991 to April 1, 1992, no person shall park a vehicle on the following streets, or parts of streets, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5 a.m. on any day:

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Millbury Board of Selectmen
11/28, 12/5/12

Holiday Programs at Library

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library will offer two new and exciting holiday season programs on the evening of December 12 for both young and old alike. From 6-6:30 p.m., join Linda LaChance and Susan Bernard as they entertain children and their families with a tandem reading of the classic Night Before Christmas. Rumor has it that Santa is planning a special visit to top the evening off.

Laster, at 7 p.m., join your friends at the fireplace in the library's main reading room as everyone exchanges home-baked cookies. Those attending are asked to bring three dozen home-baked cookies to exchange with others. While library elves are busy sorting and wrapping cookies for you to take home, relax and enjoy refreshments and desserts.

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MILLBURY - The Millbury Post Office has extended its December retail window hours, as follows, in order to accommodate holiday mailings: Saturday, December 14, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; December 16-20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, December 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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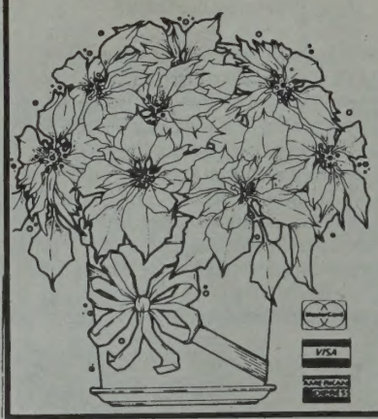
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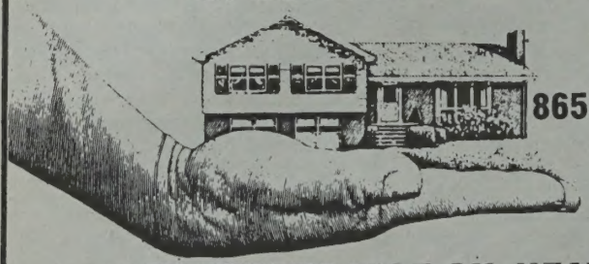
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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Time Clocks at Issue

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The November 26 Selectmen's Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. Prior to beginning the agenda, Chairman Jude Cristo recognized Harold Ostrowski, the Town's representative to the Central Massachusetts Regional Refuse Committee. Ostrowski, noting that he has represented the Town for over 15 years, asked that the Board appoint someone to replace him on the Committee. "I have been on long enough. It's time for someone else to represent the Town," he said.

Cristo thanked Ostrowski on behalf of the town, recalling the work he and others have done in solving the town's solid waste problems and in bringing in added revenue through negotiations with Wheelabrator. "I hate to see you go," said Cristo.

The Board accepted his resignation with deep regret.

Street Lights

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase gave a brief report to the Board on the progress of the street light conversion program. He said that Mass. Electric picked up additional lights this week which indicates they are progressing to Phase 2.

Cristo said he has received calls from residents who are not convinced that the replacement lights are as strong as the old ones.

Chase said the new sodium vapor lights contains 4000 lumens as opposed to the 1000 lumens of the older incandescent lights. Selectman Donald Gauthier said that they may not appear as bright because the new lights are more encased in the fixtures. He also noted that the newer lights diffuse the light downward.

Cristo asked Chase if the more powerful lights that were in place in certain areas of town before the conversion will be replaced with more powerful lamps.

Chase said he would check, but was not sure that would be the case.

Cable TV

Gauthier reported on his attendance at a recent Cable TV Advisory Committee meeting. He said the committee is looking for a space of 90 square feet to place equipment for broadcasting between municipal buildings. This would not be part of the public access channel. After a brief discussion, board members suggested an area downstairs in the Police Department. Cristo noted that some type of enclosure would have to be built for security reasons.

It was suggested that the matter be discussed with Police Chief Richard Handfield.

The Board voted 4-0 to support the concept and to include the proposal in the upcoming contract negotiations with Greater Media Cable. The contract comes up for renewal in March, 1993.

Gauthier said Greater Media hopes to start re-stranding the town in March, 1992, as it will take about 13 months to

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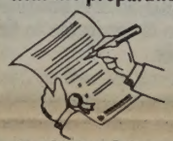

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do the job. The contract is being negotiated for a 10 year period.

Miscellaneous

- The Board appointed Douglas A. Morin of 46 Sycamore Street to be an Auxiliary Police Officer for Civil Defense. Chase noted that he has already passed the physical exam required by the Town.

- Earl Chase reported that he has been discussing the Lake Singletary spillway with Highway Surveyor Joe Chase, who informed him that the present access to the area is a driveway and not a right of way. He did note that an access can be made to the spillway.

- Chase said he was told by land surveyor Hunter Greenwood that he has located surveys at the Registry of Deeds that will help in determining the boundaries of Central Cemetery.

The assessors have indicated they may have a plan that shows what the town owns but they are not sure how precise it is, Chase said.

- Chase reported that the Personnel Board is working on a sick leave policy and will submit the policy after some questions are discussed with town counsel.

- Cristo told Chase that the board would like to review the letter being prepared by Sewer Commissioner George Buron to the Upper Blackstone Water Abatement District.

- The Board voted 4-0 to cancel their regularly scheduled meetings for December 24 and 31.

- Chase reported that Fire Chief Phil Day, Jr. has said that fire alarm call boxes wil be reduced and eventually phased out since 99% of the calls come in by telephone.

Time Clocks

The time clock for town employees, if approved, will be located in the staff room. Chase said there are some discussions by the Personnel Board on an issue relating to insertion of a clause into the union contract relative to falsifying of a time card and possible termination of employment by any person who does.

There will be discussions on that and the time clock as well, as the School Committee has taken an initial stand that they are opposed to the installation of time clocks in the school system for the secretarial staff.

Cristo noted that the School Committee Chairman, Chet Hanratty, is on the Fiscal Responsibility Committee which recommended the installation of time clocks. It was noted that Hanratty was the only School Committee member not opposed to the proposal.

Selectman Bernie Plante said that would mean only a few secretaries would be on the time clock and all the others would be "off the hook." "There can't be two standards," he said.

Selectman Gerry Bleau remarked that the Highway Department already has time clocks. He then said that no action should be taken on installing time clocks until policies and problems with the union are ironed out.

The Board then discussed what process they will be using in negotiating with the unions and who will be involved. It was tentatively agreed that Gauthier would serve as a Board member on the negotiating team for two of the three contracts, Plante would serve on one, and Earl Chase on one along with two members of the present Personnel Board.

Bleau suggested a third member who could provide some experience and continuity in the process, former Personnel Board Chairman Craig Coppola.

The Board will discuss the issue again next week.

Traffic Rules

The Board voted 4-0 to amend the traffic rules to state that parking on a two-way street must be in the direction of the flow of traffic, each direction, and on one-way streets, in the direction of the flow of traffic. In each instance, parking on the street requires a vehicle to be parked 12 inches from the curb. The new amendment is intended to clear up any misunderstanding of the present parking regulations. Vehicles parked in the wrong direction will be in violation of the street parking rules.

The Board voted unanimously on a roll call vote to go into executive session, first with School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty to discuss a grievance filed by the Teachers Association concerning deductions of Health Insurance Premiums from teachers' salaries. A compromise was reached on the grievance.

The second exception cited by the Chair was to discuss with Labor Counsel John Chinian a grievance filed by the MCOP and three members of the Police Department.

A third exception cited was to discuss contract and salary with Police Chief Richard Handfield.

Following the executive session, the meeting adjourned.

Arts Council Accepting Applications

MILLBURY - Applications to the Millbury Arts Council are now being accepted for the annual funding cycle. Application forms are available at the Millbury Public Library.

Rules governing the application process are as follows: an original and two copies must be submitted; applications must be typed and completed in full. Applications may be deposited in the "Arts Council" mailbox at the Town Hall or mailed to: Charlotte Townsend, 364 Greenwood Street, Millbury, MA 01527. All applications must be received no later than Wednesday, January 3, 1992.

Tree Lighting in Oxford

OXFORD - Oxford's annual Christmas Lighting ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 8, at 6 p.m. at the Oxford Bandstand, Main Street. Featured in the bandstand program will be a live Christmas pageant, music by the Holy Cross College Chamber Choir, and the arrival of Santa Claus in a horse drawn buggy.

Following the bandstand ceremony, a concert will be held in the First Congregational Church, located diagonally across the street. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the concert.

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Sutton to Explore Athletic Partnership with Millbury

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The November 25 Sutton School Committee meeting convened shortly after 7:30 P.M. With the exception of Andrew Smith, all members were present.

Mary Ann Kourey, a parent of a child in the school system, praised the efforts and concerns of the teaching staff and administration in assisting her daughter in school following a significant injury that made it somewhat difficult to get around. She said their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Kourey also said she wanted to state that she and others are thoroughly impressed with the addition of Nicholas Grant to the staff in English.

Miscellaneous

- The committee unanimously approved a recommendation from the administration to appoint Michael Cofsky as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

Committeewoman Linda Roach asked about hiring a part time music teacher.

Spence said that interviews are still being carried out but the issue seems to be one of money.

Kids Country, Inc.

Anderson said he received a letter from the President of Kids Country, Inc., Brenda Jenkins, reporting that the playground for children has been erected on an area of the Elementary School. Kids Country is releasing all equipment to the School Committee to be maintained by the Town through the School Committee.

Anderson said it appears that the work on site is not completed.

Spence acknowledged that landscaping and fencing are needed to complete the project.

Elementary Principal Beverly Brown said that the grading will be done shortly. The fencing will go up last.

Spence noted that the Committee accepted the gift from Kid's Country with a contingency that final acceptance would come when the project is completed. He said the letter from Jenkins indicates their concern with dropping the insurance they carried while the project was being set up during a week of construction at the site.

Spence suggested that the committee hold off on responding to the letter until he has a chance to discuss the response with the Committee's attorney, Michael Long, with whom he will be meeting this week.

The Committee agreed to hold off taking any action until the December 9th meeting.

Parent's Night

Anderson raised an issue concerning long lines on Parent's Night which make it difficult for parents to see all the teachers. He asked Spence to sit with administrators to see if there are other possible alternatives to streamline the process.

Spence said he would go over the pros and cons of the process with administrators and come back with two or more possible practical alternatives no later than the January meeting.

Athletic Partnership

The Committee received a letter from the Millbury School Committee seeking the exploration of an athletic partnership with the Sutton Schools. The letter acknowledged that the request came from discussions with Linda Roach at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Conference recently held on Cape Cod. The letter asks the Sutton Committee to explore the possibility with staff and to respond to the Millbury School Committee at the earliest convenience.

Roach said the program at the conference dealing with forming athletic partnerships was well attended and generated a lot of interest. She did note that officials from the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) were not enthusiastic and emphasized a negative acceptance of such a proposal even though a few school districts have already formed such partnerships. She indicated that the main negative mentioned was a concern with the establishment of powerhouses in some sports. Roach said other speakers mentioned positive aspects, including more school spirit within both participating schools.

It was noted that the MIAA would have to grant waivers for an athletic partnership and that several small school districts have received them.

Athletic Director Vito Filipkowski reported that the Berlin-Boylston and Tahanto districts have formed a partnership in two sports.

"It's difficult to see how they (MIAA) can say this would not be a wonderful thing for our schools," Roach said. "There

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is an unbelievable need for this in this time of fiscal restraints. We need to look into this and weigh the pros and cons. The MIAA is not for this, that's evident. I hope we are open enough to explore this and see if this is possible."

Filipkowski said the MIAA has put a freeze on any more athletic partnerships at this time.

"I think we have to tell them we need this," Roach said.

Spence said he was not that well versed on the regulatory powers of the MIAA.

Roach said the proposal would allow for sharing of talents. "which has to be the future. If we make it complicated," she said, "then shame on us. The MIAA is protecting the status quo on this. The need was shown there, at the conference, for small schools."

Committee member Ann Fox said she could see no harm in talking about the possibility.

Spence suggested that a preliminary exploration be started. If the reaction by both committees is favorable, initially a committee of the High School Principals and the Athletic Directors could work on a proposal.

The committee voted 4-0 to explore the possibility of an Athletic Partnership with Millbury.

Town Task Force

The Committee took a few minutes to express their views on a meeting with the Town Task Force established for the purpose of developing a philosophy and a direction for the Town.

Roach, who attended the meeting along with Spence and Anderson, explained that the Task Force includes the Town Administrator, two Selectmen and three members of the Finance Committee. "Everyone came to the meeting with an open mind with no grudges," she said, "and things worked well for about 45 minutes. The meeting was to be different, basically, and was to operate on a higher level. It is difficult to see a school as a business. I think that is where we broke down," she said.

Anderson said he thought that there was some opening up of communications with other boards. "They were made aware of some of the problems we have that they were not aware of before," he said. "It fostered communications to some degree."

Spence said that in discussions relating to budgets and finances for education, the public hears daily that there are no funds for this or that. "People are told every day how bad things are, so they reach out for simple solutions." He said a lot of anxiety and nervous energy is wasted rather than focusing on the task at hand, to give the best possible education. "The best thing we can do is be patient, wait until the Education Reform Package is completed and the bottom line on finances is spelled out," he said.

Curriculum

The Committee discussed concerns with reviewing the curriculum and asked Spence to report back on "where the curriculum is at present, where we as a system are going with our curriculum, how to get there, and the impact on budget and staff."

Spence said he could present a report to them in January, in broad terms, for them to review. He asked them to keep in mind possible retirements in administration in the next few years and the impact on the system. He also said money alone will not improve education, "but it can't be done with smoke or mirrors either. There must be a commitment if there is to be any movement in certain directions," he said.

In reference to establishing a sub-committee on curriculum, Roach said she didn't want to come up against another brick wall as was the case in trying to get some of the recommendations accepted for the use of school property. "It bugs me that we never get to talk about it (curriculum). We talk night after night about budgets. It's time we get concerned with curriculum," she said. Spence replied that the administration works on curriculum all the time and reminded the committee that some items were not funded in the budget. "I am happy to work in any forum on curriculum," he said. "We talk about it all the time. More concern should be with the course of study, what is being taught. You have a curriculum taught each day."

Roach said the pipeline to information does not always flow right and noted that in the past, staff members have come before the committee to brief them on curriculum areas.

Spence said he did not think it would be appropriate to ask individual teachers to do that. He said if there are concerns, they can be brought to him or to the principals.

Anderson suggested that the Committee see what the Administration comes up with, then the Committee can direct the Administration.

Fox said she thought that that would be a good way to begin. "We have to have some faith in the Administration," she said.

Spence said he could understand the frustration. He also added that if anyone has suggestions on how there could be some discussions on underlying issues, under the umbrella of curriculum, they could come forward. He also said the committee's concerns are his concerns.

Roach said she is looking for a dialogue on curriculum issues. She said was looking to establishing a committee that would function similar to the School Building Committee. She said she was not out to "micro-manage" but wants to work on issues.

Horne said she would not feel qualified to serve on a Curriculum sub-committee. "That should come from the administration, as they are more qualified," she said.

"We represent all the people out there," Roach said. "That's the only way people find out." She also said she wouldn't mind if proposals came from the administration first. "I just want them to come," she said.

Spence said he was not an expert on curriculum and noted that it would require money, time, professionals, and some reading of professional books by the committee to deal with some curriculum issues. "I will come up with an outline and alternatives. You decide where to go. I work for a living and like direction. I'm not a specialist in all areas. Keep that in mind," he said.

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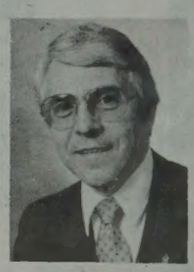
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Health Grant

Spence then reported on a health grant which will be used to develop and continue the educational process dealing with HIV and AIDS. The committee on health will be reviewing the outline and he will suggest that input and review also include experts and clergy from the community in order to get recommendations on sensitive areas. "We should not act in haste, but get both sides of the issue and the topics to be covered before the Committee decides," he said.

The consensus of the Committee was to turn the matter over to the Health Committee for study.

Use of School Buildings

Spence asked the committee to consider action on pending applications and fees for the use of school buildings and school property by residents and non-residents. The Subcommittee on Use of School Property has made some recommendations but the report is still to be discussed at the December meeting.

After some discussion, Anderson asked for a consensus on recommendations made by Spence that Sutton residents and groups not be charged for facility use. They would be charged for direct costs such as custodial care beyond regular work.

Private enterprise activities and groups not using town funds will be charged a fee for facility and custodial use, if applicable.

The Committee will be discussing the full report and recommendations at the December meeting.

Santa Planning 48 Hour Marathon in Sutton

SUTTON - Join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Manchaug Library anytime between 5 p.m. Friday, December 13, through Saturday, December 14, until 5 p.m. Sunday, December 15. Bring the whole family and have your child's picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus for only $5.00. Proceeds will benefit the Veterans' Field Memorial Field.

Carolers will include the Sutton High Junior Class on Friday at 5 p.m., Troop 918 Daisy Girl Scouts on Saturday at 4 p.m., and the Sutton Camp Fire on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Craft tables, a bake table, and hot beverages will be featured downstairs in the Library.

Toys for Tots in Sutton

SUTTON - Nick's Country Market, corner of Rte. 122 and Boston Road, has agreed to provide a drop off location for the Toys for Tots Program. New toys may be brought to the store seven days a week during normal business hours.

Women's Bowling League

Marge McArdle and Louise Cusson shared the high triple of 290. Marge rolled strings of 94-96-100, and Louise strings of 86-101-103. Charlotte Gabree rolled the second high triple, a 289, with strings of 109-91-89. Third high was a 280 rolled by Ann Coons, strings of 102-93-85. Charlotte Gabree rolled the high single, a 109.

Rolling 100 and over were: Louise Cusson, 103-101; Charlotte Gabree, 109; Lois White, 106; Doris Collette, 102; Ann Coons, 102; Aggie Boire, 100; Becky Rushton, 100; and Marge McArdle, 100.

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Women's Fellowship

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church on West Main Street, will hold a monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. "A Christmas Tea" will be held with Arlene Ball presenting some readings. Refreshments will be served by the Program Committee. Everyone is asked to bring a $3.00 Christmas Swap.

Office Hours

BOSTON - Representative Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) will hold office hours in Sutton on the following dates, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library: Thursday, December 19, Thursday, January 16, Thursday, February 13.

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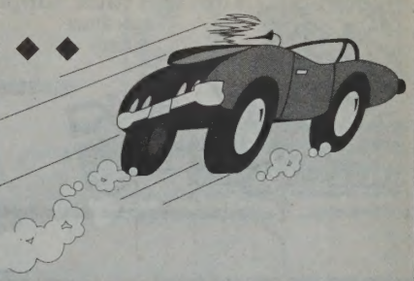

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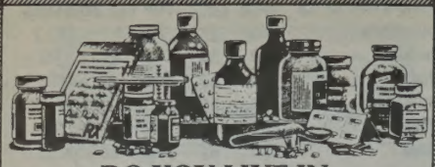

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This week's Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) on one roll call from the week of November 25-29 and the votes of Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on four roll calls for the same week.

SENATE

WORKERS' COMP (S 1745) - Senate 16-15, gave near final approval and sent to the House, Governor Weld's version of an overhaul of the state's workers' compensation system. The 43 page bill reduces benefits to injured workers including a reduction in the maximum allowable payment. Supporters said the bill makes major reforms and will save employers up to 15% in premiums. Opponents said reduced benefits will hurt workers who are being forced to bail out a system manipulated by special interests including lawyers, doctors and insurers. Amorello voted for the bill.

HOUSE

EXTENSION - House 112-35, approved an order extending until December 18 the deadline for all joint standing committees and the Rules Committees to report out all bills. Supporters said these committees need additional time to work on legislation. Opponents said there have already been extensions and argued it is time to report out bills and act on them. Moore and Kollios voted for the extension.

POLICE CONSOLIDATION (H 6316) - House 152-0, gave near final approval and sent to the Senate the bill merging the MDC Registry, Capitol and State Police into one new department to be known as the Department of State Police. Supporters said this long overdue action will save money and more efficiently provide police services to all citizens. Moore and Kollios voted for the bill.

PAY (H 6136) - House 146-8, approved an amendment giving commissioned officers higher salaries than non-commissioned ones. Amendment supporters said this will provide an incentive for people to take management roles and be compensated for it. Opponents offered no arguments. Moore and Kollios voted for the amendment.

CHILDREN (H 6316) - House 98-55, rejected an amendment to a section of the bill giving some preference to children of police officers who are killed in the performance of duty "as a result of an assault on his or her person." The amendment would eliminate the condition of "assault" and give the preference to children of any officer killed in the performance of duty. Amendment supporters said this amendment would insure that children of officers who die as a result of an accident or are hit by a drunk driver are given preference. Opponents said the "assault" provision has been the standard which should continue to be applied. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment to eliminate the assault provision.

Christmas Fair

MENDON - A Christmas Fair will be held at the Mendon Unitarian Church on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A chowder luncheon will be held from 11 a.m to 2 p.m.

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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Just a year ago, one of my neighbors said that he was going to spend December 7, 1991, the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, right there in Pearl Harbor. He himself had been in the United States Navy and was an extremely patriotic person.

Well, Roger Bourdeau didn't quite make it, as the day after Christmas last year our Lord called Roger unto Himself. Even after a year of mourning, we still have an empty spot in our hearts for him. Last year, we went to the Quartet Concert and the Mandivano Concert together, and his wife and I spent two days playing Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. We are grateful for those most precious memories. But, guess what? Roger may not be there on December 7th in the flesh, but he is surely going to be there in the spirit. His dear wife, Aline, is going to be standing there in his place. She is a miracle lady, and one thing after another has made this possible. We are excited with her and for her.

She just started a new job seven weeks ago, and now she goes to them and asks for ten days off to go to Pearl Harbor, and they very willingly gave it to her. Then she begins to make the necessary reservations for herself and a friend, and everything is fine for travel, but there is not a bed left in any hotel in Hawaii. So she calls her sister in California, who calls a convent in Hawaii, but they are not allowed to take in visitors any more as they had been abused so much before.

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The following are for residents of the apartments only: Centerview Apartments, December 19, 1-2 p.m.; Colonial Apartments, December 26, 1-2; Linden Apartments, December 18, 1-2 p.m.

The schedule for Sutton is as follows: Sutton Orchard Apartments, Church Street, Wilkinsonville, Recreation Room, December 5, 12, 19, 26, from 8-9 a.m.

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By Rosemary Waitos

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Hanukkah, by Roni Schotter ($13.95). The spirited illustrations in this book make the Hanukkah traditions come alive.

Six by Seuss, by Dr. Seuss ($25.00). Dr. Seuss' stories live on in this treasury of six Seuss classics.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs! by A. Wolf, by Jon Scieska ($13.95). This is a real Nineties version of a folk tale that you'll enjoy as much as your preschooler.

PRIMARY GRADES

Books for younger children focus on the family with moms and dads central to the action. As children grow older, they move on to engage in a wider variety of activities from sports to scouts, and more. Books for these kids tend to leave parents offstage as the children portrayed set out on adventures and solve problems on their own.

Linnea in Monet's Garden, by Christina Bjork ($10.95). This is an innovative art book that tells the story of Linnea's visit to the great painter's garden.

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary ($11.95). Cleary fans will love this new novel about the story of third grader, Maggie Schultz, and why she refuses to learn something new.

HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS, by Eric Kimmel ($14.95). The first night of Hanukkah, Hershel of Ostropol becomes the hero by outwitting the goblins haunting the old synagogue.

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INTERMEDIATE READERS

By age ten, kids have mastered certain skills including reading and have acquired some social savvy. Kids in this group are becoming more selective in their reading. Many tend to find and stick to an author or genre that they like. Kids at the top of this age bracket, twelve year olds, are becoming increasingly aware of themselves and their differences. Reading for them is on a deeper level as they become aware of the message an author is attempting to convey. Just a word of caution, don't be surprised if your once avid reader becomes a reluctant reader around age twelve.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Coyle, by Avi ($14.95). A gripping story about a 13-year old accused of murder, brought to trial and found guilty on a voyage from Liverpool England to Providence, Rhode Island in 1832.

Charlotte's Web, By E.B. White. Another perennial favorite. It is the story of about a girl of independence and a spider of equal spirit.

Fifty Simple Things Kids Can do to Save the Earth, by John Javna ($6.95).

Tales of Edgar Allen Poe, illustrated by Barry Moser ($19.95).

FAMILY READING

Take time out from your busy routine and your family's hectic schedule to read to each other. It is a chance for families to get in touch with each other and explore the world vicariously through poetry and story.

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Family Read-Aloud Christmas Treasury, Alice Low, editor ($17.95). This book is chock full of the legends, stories and poetry that surrounds the Christmas Season.

Hark! A Christmas Sampler by Jane Yolan and Tomie de Paola ($19.95). From two respected and admired creators of fine children's literature comes a collection of writings on the holiday season. If the MPL staff were to name their favorite Christmas book, this one would get it hands down!

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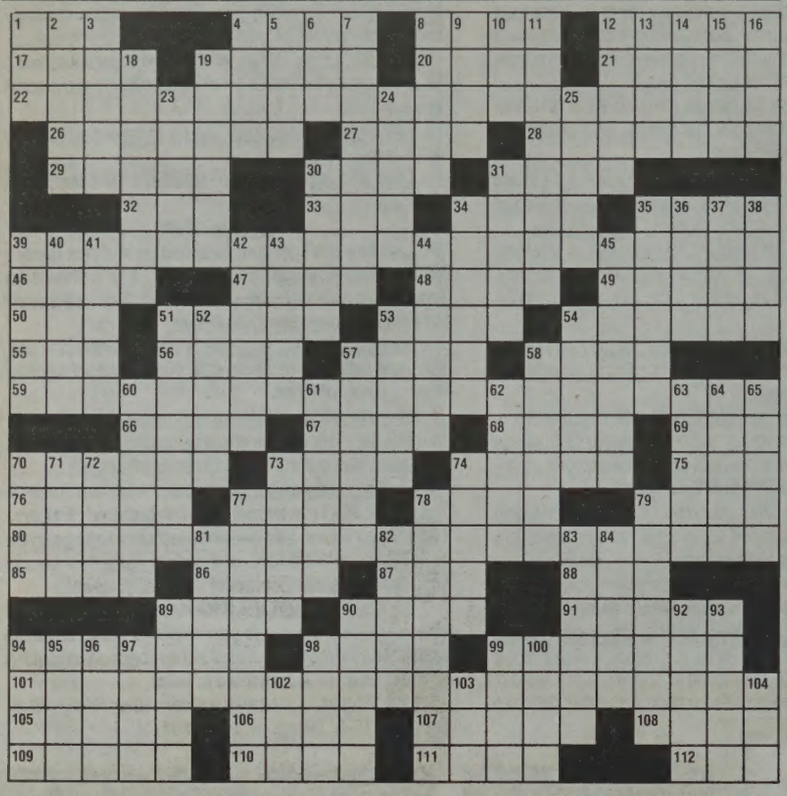

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ACROSS

1 Word with beat or base
4 Speaker's platform
8 Like a sylph
12 Sound off
17 Joker, for one
19 Thick okra soup
20 Slightest bit
21 Polite denial
22 Part of a Halloween colloquy
26 On the way
27 First name in scat
28 Blackboard cleaners
29 Commencement
30 Do in
31 Radar screen image
32 Society page word
33 Choose
34 Cape of Good Hope explorer
35 Bean or city
39 22 Across cont'd.: The demons are ill?
46 Bone: Comb. form
47 Kind of review
48 Give Bo a ten
49 Man from Muskat
50 — Tobe: Taldy-Kurgan town
51 Dig into deeply
53 Crafty
54 Trapped
55 Even-steven
56 "...—the six hundred"
57 Rubik of the cube craze
58 Heyerdahl
59 22 Across cont'd.: Was it the cooking?
66 To —
67 Army meal
68 Nat or Natalie
69 Fruit drink
70 Man o' War's nickname
73 Nuisance
74 Susan, Sam or Rona
75 Short flight
76 Crowd sounds
77 Architect — van der Rohe
78 Garage event
79 — Alto, Calif.
80 22 Across cont'd.: She poisoned her whole staff?
85 Fervor
86 Work units
87 Bert Bobbsey's twin
88 Frigid
89 Cautious
90 — majesty
91 — coin
94 Nontransparency
98 Lomond or Ness
99 Pulitzer playwright John
101 22 Across cont'd.: So she's working alone?
105 Wreck completely
106 Prepare for papering
107 Security or plumbing problems
108 Formal reception room
109 Portrayer of 97 Down
110 Lumberjack's tools
111 Zhivago's love
112 Author/Journalist Lerner

DOWN

1 Halloween mo.
2 Cabbie's customers
3 Facade
4 MacDonald-Eddy offering
5 Grenoble girlfriend
6 — Saud
7 "— God": oath ending
8 Ridiculous
9 "Whatever — wants..."
10 "Where — at": action center
11 Tat
12 Readily available
13 Fabulous birds
14 Wimbledon champ: 1975
15 Stadium feature
16 Ocean avians
18 "— vile": imprisonment
19 Kind of bread
23 — grudge: nursed a grievance
24 Send to Cloud Nine
25 Lace or linen
30 Dry Italian white wine
31 Itty —
34 Short two-way conversation
35 Poet Walter de —
36 North African dress
37 "...—, tekel, upharsin"
38 "Put — on it!"
39 Springtime of life
40 Actor Davis
41 Member of the wedding
42 "The Prime of Miss Jean —"
43 Tag
44 Squeezes water from
45 Testimonial VIP
51 Preliminary try-out
52 Wandered around
53 Seize forcibly
54 Closet surface
57 Ancient city on Urfa's site
58 Extra for the price of one
60 Baseball's Strawberry
61 Arabian bigwigs
62 Milan's La —
63 Religion founded in Iran
64 Hitler
65 Railroad station
70 Yugoslavia's Tito
71 "Last Days of Pompeii" heroine
72 Festive
73 Miss —
74 Hollywood's Mansfield
77 "— grig": full of fun
78 Beach find
79 Einstein's forte
81 Moorland
82 Dress or blouse cut
83 Repeats
84 Disdain
89 Exercise power
90 Comes in last
92 "Beat it!"
93 Wolf pack leader
94 Cognizant of
95 Steno's group
96 Nick and Nora's pet
97 Detective Charlie
98 Loll about
99 Bosc
100 Aleutian island
102 "— geese a-laying"
103 Pasture
104 Grow

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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School Lunch Menus

Week of December 9-13

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MONDAY: ravioli/meat sauce, french fries, green beans, garlic bread, fruit cocktail
TUESDAY: barbecue chicken sandwich, french fries, corn, jello/topping
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, french fries, fruit
THURSDAY: juice, taco, lettuce & tomato, french fries, pudding
FRIDAY: pizza calzone, french fries, tossed salad, brownie

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: juice, ravioli/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, pudding
TUESDAY: hot dog on a roll, baked beans, french fries, pineapple
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, potato chips, fruit
THURSDAY: oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, cookie
FRIDAY: juice, pizza, tossed salad, peanut butter bar

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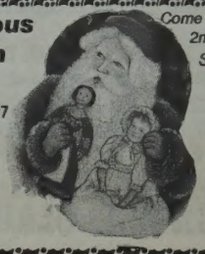

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MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold its Merry Berry Christmas Fair from 9-2 at Elmwood Street School.

SUTTON - Sutton Towne Soccer Association will hold a registration for the Spring season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold a Roast Beef Supper with sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for preteens. Children 5 and under, free.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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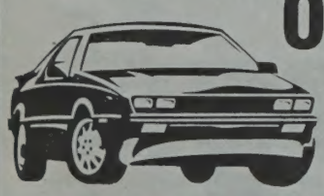

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people because basically that's where the money goes to in a police department."

Handfield represents a new generation of highly educated police professionals who have to blend reason and restraint with force in order to serve the community. He plans on taking additional courses in management to help him with budgeting and has toyed with the idea of pursuing a law degree as have many other area police chiefs. Handfield said that having a law degree would definitely be an advantage to a chief because he could be more current with new laws, their application, and their impact.

The new Chief and his wife Kathy are relieved that the selection process for chief is completed. Kathy, who is the daughter of Donald and Ethel O'Day, Sutton Town Clerk, explained that competing for the position placed a lot of pressure on them. During their last vacation, Kathy said her husband would start studying at six in the morning and study until two in the afternoon. "We never got to be on vacation," she said.

The couple also recently moved into a home they built themselves in Upton. Following several years of construction, which saw them add new titles to their resumes, including carpenter, painter, decorator, landscaper, a myriad of small projects remained to be completed when Handfield decided to take the chief's exam. Kathy said all work on their home was put on hold during the time her husband spent studying for the exam.

Handfield explained that part of the attachment that he and his wife have for their Upton home, which is about eight miles from Millbury, is traced back to his father. The house which they both built from the ground up sits on a lot which was owned by his parents. The parcel has been in the family for some time and holds a great many memories of his childhood and his father who taught him many of the skills which he needed to build his home. Regrettably, Handfield's father, Richard, passed away a few years ago after a serious illness. He recalled that he did not perform well in the sergeant's interviews that were held several years ago because his father was terminally ill at the time and his father and his family became his priorities. He said that for the chief's exam, however, he wanted to devote all of his energies to studying and to making a better presentation.

That studying paid off, as Handfield received the top score on the exam. But scoring the highest was not the end of the process for promotion to chief, the interviews came next followed by what seemed like an interminable wait for the Selectmen to make their appointment from the three top candidates.

Kathy Handfield said the night of the appointment was filled with tension as her husband, surrounded by his family, waited for the vote to be taken. "The process of the straw vote was intense," she said. The straw vote put him in a tie with Sgt. Lincoln Barton. When Selectman Gauthier then indicated that he would cast his vote for Handfield, Kathy said, "Everything happened so fast. And then I said, 'He got it!' and I started crying and his mom was crying. It was the excitement of his being chosen and the relief at his being chosen."

Police Chief Richard Handfield is now sworn in and on duty, eagerly undertaking the challenges of the position. But, there is still one sad note for Handfield as he begins his new position, that his father did not live to see him appointed Chief.

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With clouded eyes and a hearty laugh, the Chief answered without hesitation, "You were right, Dad. I continued my education, and it paid off."

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